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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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EXAMINING GROUP 1714**

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For: **HARD SURFACE-TREATING AGENT, STAIN-PROOFING AGENT AND
SURFACE-TREATING METHOD**

RESPONSE

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Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated November 18, 2003, the period for response having been extended for one month from February 18, 2004, to March 18, 2004 with the filing of the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully required invention the remarks on the following pages: